



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admiratione
"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

St. Thomas School Community Newsletter October 5, 2020



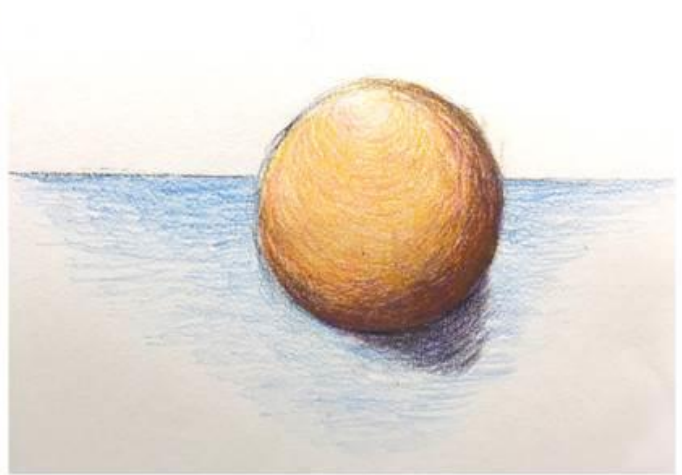
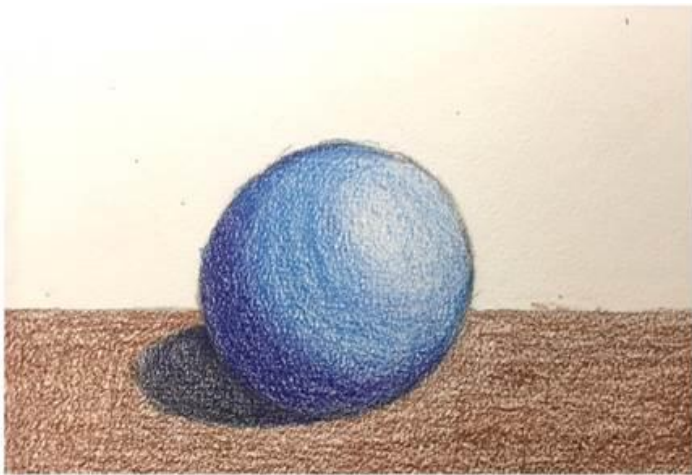
October is the Month of the Rosary
Our Lady of the Rosary Pray for Us!

Praying the rosary as a family is a powerful grace for the family and the world~

A beautiful keepsake book of rosary meditations for your child ~
On a Mission to Love will attach itself to a child's heart, the images are rich yet accessible depictions of the mysteries of the rosary, giving children touching insights into the mysteries of Christ's life. Includes a passage on the mystery for each Hail Mary—a beautiful child's guide to the rosary. Published by Ruah Woods Press ([\\$18.24](#)).



Third graders Ella Meinhart, Clare Moilanen and Madeleine Hanley (left to right) are simultaneously absorbed in a sandwich and their books during Lower School Lunch.



'Spheres' by Lydia Birhanu (left) and Jasmine Dinh (right.)

~ Events Calendar ~

View the complete *St. Thomas School Calendar* [here](#).



Friday, October 2nd
Parent Handbook Signatory Page Due
(Download and sign attached and
turn into homeroom teacher.)

Friday, October 9th
Upper School Student Council Elections

Saturday, October 10th
Public Square Rosary Crusade
Monument Park in Downtown Dexter at the Gazebo ~ 12 Noon
(Contact Dana Sharp for information: 734-717-7413)

Wednesday, October 14th
St. Thomas In-School Fall Festival
1:30 – 3:10 PM

Thursday--Friday, October 15th & 16th
No School
Diocese of Lansing
Teacher Professional Development Days

From the Headmaster

On Friday the Michigan Supreme Court ruled that the legal basis of the State of Emergency under which Governor Whitmer exercised the authority to issue executive orders related to the coronavirus pandemic was not constitutional. Yesterday Attorney General Dana Nessel announced that the orders issued after April 30 would not be enforced. Currently, county health departments are reviewing the status of these orders and the role that they may play in defining their continuation. In the meantime, the state legislature and the governor have offered to work together in defining a statewide coronavirus response plan that is approved by both the executive and legislative branches of the state government.

In order to support the continued health and safety of our school community, St. Thomas will continue to practice the protocols and procedures as outlined in our St. Thomas Reopening Plan issued in July (attached). The executive order requiring masks to be worn all day by Kindergarten through 4th grade students that was to be effective today, Monday, October 5th, is currently on hold pending further information from the local health department. For the time being, as stated in the Reopening Plan, Kindergarten through 4th grade students will be required to wear masks in all transitions to and from the school, to, from and during all specials classes, and to and from the cafeteria. Masks for Kindergarten through 4th grade students in their homeroom while at their desks during school day instruction are optional.

Welcome Miss Amy Dalian

We are happy to announce the hire of Miss Dalian as Teacher's Aid in our St. Thomas Little Saints Preschool, our 2nd and 3rd Grade Classroom and morning ESP Program. Miss Dalian

brings a contagious joy to all the children she supports at St. Thomas and we are grateful she has become one of our dedicated educators leading our children in their spiritual, academic and social development.

School Service Teams Re-convene

Please review our St. Thomas service teams and their activities below and contact the parent or staff leader to express your interest in helping St. Thomas School move forward in each of these areas.

Parent Association—*Building Student and Family Community.* We ask that at least one parent representative from each grade join in work together to provide opportunities for our students and families celebrate the St. Thomas School community through the feasts of the school year. [Laura Johnson](#)

Spirituality Team—*Deepening Our Student and Family Faith.* [Rebecca Pearson](#)

Marketing Team—*Promoting St. Thomas School.* [Mike Hanley](#)

Curriculum Team—*Sharpening Our Classical Focus.* [Mr. DiLaura](#)

Library Team—*Promoting & Developing our Collection.* [Sarah Davignon](#)

We are St. Thomas~!

Parent Handbook Signatory Page Due

After having reviewed the St. Thomas School 2020-2021 Parent/Student Handbook, please download, print and turn in the attached signatory page indicating your having read and agree to both our 2020-2021 Parent Handbook and our St. Thomas School Reopening Plan into your oldest or only student's homeroom teacher. Thank you.

Upper School Student Council Candidates

We congratulate all of our students who are demonstrating the service, leadership and courage to step forward and seek an office on our St. Thomas Student Council. These students are setting an example of responsibility for their classmates and school community for which we are grateful. These students will be making speeches this Thursday to their upper school peers and all students will participate in the student council election this Friday, October 9th.

Grade 5 Representative: Amelia Eustice, Julian Magenau, Sophia Savarino

Grade 6 Representative: Stasio Fil, Maria Maki

Grade 7 Representative: Angelina Perez, Jack Skoczylas

President/Vice President: Jasmine Dinh, Francis Rutherford, Michael Savarino



Theology of the Body Presentation (In case you missed it...)

You can still view the hour long presentation on St. Thomas Theology of the Body, including additional background on this teaching of St. Pope John Paul II, with testimonies from teachers, theologian and curriculum developers on the Ruah Woods Press curriculum being used at St. Thomas. To view the program visit: <http://tobbreakthrough.com>.